

Remarks:

Drawings:

Figure 2 has been amended to delete the reference “Figure 1” in the block, as suggested by the examiner. Formal drawings are attached hereto (both a clean copy and a copy with the legend “Replacement Sheet”).

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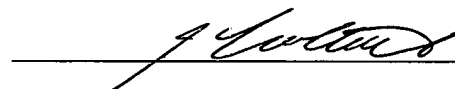
Claims 1, 2, 3 , 4, 8, 9 were rejected over Widman, Kawakita, and Shimbo.

The claims have been deleted and the remaining claims rewritten in independent form.

It is therefore requested that the claims as they now stand be permitted to proceed to allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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